



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Feb 16th & 17th

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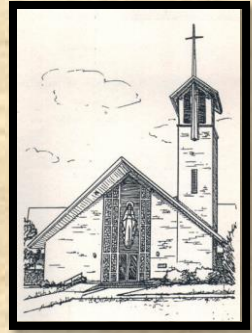
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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - "MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU"

"Blessed is the man who does not follow the counsel of the wicked, nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night." —Psalm 1:1-2.

The Lord says: "I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life" (Dt 30:19). The Lord wants to give us a life of blessedness. In fact, He intends to overwhelm us with blessings in the city and the country, while going in and coming out, in every way (Dt 28:2ff). However, we must choose the life of blessing.

We do this by trusting in the Lord rather than in ourselves or others (Jer 17:5, 7). We trust in the Lord by:

- choosing to be poor in some way (Lk 6:20), to live below our means instead of above our means. Because we tend to depend on material things, voluntary poverty is a perfect environment to choose to trust in God rather than ourselves.

- choosing to be hungry (Lk 6:20), that is, choosing not to live for maximum pleasure but for maximum holiness. Holiness is a harrowing journey requiring constant trust in God.

- choosing to weep for our sins (Lk 6:21). If we don't trust someone, we are probably not that sorry about offending them. Sorrow for sins implies trust in God.

- choosing to live for the Lord so boldly, radically, and totally that we deserve to be persecuted (Lk 6:22). This is a great act of trust.

A life of blessing is to choose to trust in God deeply. Choose blessing or you will be cursed. "May almighty God bless you."

Prayer: Father, bless me and make me a blessing to the nations (Gn 12:2-3).

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Feb 10 - 8.30 a.m. + Sambo Katara By Bill and Linda Bohr

Monday, Feb 11 - 7:30 a.m. +Donna Burton By Bill and Linda Bohr

Wednesday, Feb 13 - 6:00p.m. +Marie Bohr By Bill and Linda Bohr

Thursday, Feb 14 - 7:30a.m. +Georgann Hinson By Bill and Linda Bohr

Friday, Feb 15 - 7:30a.m. +Ruth Swayze By Alice Kuehler

Saturday, Feb 16 - 5:30p.m. +Ruth Swayze By Loretta Britten

Church Cleaning for February

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, Matthew Gary Britten, Johnny Brumley, Karen Berry, Doris Britten, Dylan Stafford, Lynita Brown and Phillip Ollinger

Family Chalice Program

Feb 23/24 Michele & Rodney Bohr
March 2/3 Mike and Marla Britten
March 9/10 Rita and Mike Lister
March 16/17 Kay and Cobb Britten

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb 14 Collins Koetting

*A-Feb13 Mike & Stephanie Friemel
Feb 14th Fabian & Tonda Torres*

Feb 15 Mary Kuehler

Stewardship Reports

02/03/19

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| Individual | \$1,695.00 |
| Loose | \$ 266.00 |
| Children | \$ 15.00 |
| Total | \$1,976.00 |

02/03/19 Building Fund

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| Individual & Total | \$ 489.00 |
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Feb 16th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: John Connelly & Kevin Brown

Sunday, Feb 17th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Barbara Homer & Joannie Kling

Saturday, Feb 23rd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & Jan Britten

Sunday, Feb 24th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'leigh and Maci

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Marla Britten and Melanie K Britten

Saturday, Mar 2nd, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Kacie and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea & Kevion Brown

Sunday, Mar 3rd, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Owen and Hugh

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Sandie Hickey and Susan Britten

Saturday, Mar 9th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Damon and Stephen

Lectors: RonKuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten & Kevin Brown

Sunday, Mar 10th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: TYM

Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Joannie Kling, & Tabitha Eggemeyer

Announcements:

Second Collection:

Feb 17th Campus Ministries

Christian Mothers Meetings:

Feb 11th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

Mar 11th in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

RURAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Rural Life Committee of the Diocese of Amarillo is sponsoring a Youth Pilgrimage to Oklahoma City in honor of Blessed Stanley Rother, Farmer, Priest and Martyr. The retreat will take place March 30-31, 2019. The retreat, led by Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer, will include an excursion to Okarche, OK, Fr. Rother's hometown. The cost per student is \$50.00. To register, contact Fr. Jim at St. John the Evangelist Church in Borger (806) 274-7064 by March 8th (A discount of ten dollars for registrations received by March 1st)

Announcements:

February, 22 The chair of the St. Peter the Apostle: His feast day, originally called the feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome, began in the fourth century. It was held on Jan. 18, as that was believed to be the day when Peter gave his first homily in Rome. At some point before the 16th-century Protestant revolt, the feast was combined with the feast of St. Peter's Chair in Antioch. When Martin Luther revolted from the Church, Protestant heretics made the absurd claim that Peter was never in Rome and thus he could not have been the Bishop of Rome. Consequently, in their opinion, there could be no pope as claimed by Catholics. In order to reject this false Protestant challenge, Pope Paul IV (r. 1555-1559) reinstated the feast of the Chair of Peter in Rome in 1558. As a result, for 400 years the Church celebrated two feast days regarding the Chair of Peter. One feast reflected on Peter's role in Antioch, the other on his role in Rome. In 1962, Pope John XXIII combined the two feasts into one, which is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, held Feb. 22 each year. On this feast day, the universal Church acknowledges that St. Peter was the first pope and that his mission continues through the Holy Father today. Simply stated, that mission is to care for the people of God; to carry on the customs, rituals, teachings and truths of Jesus; and to uphold the unity of His Church. Moreover, the Church proclaims that the authority given to St. Peter by Our Lord has been handed down to Peter's successors for the past 2,000 years. This day is not just about apostolic succession in respect to the pope and the bishops. Among the laity, it symbolizes an unspoken confidence that the Church of Jesus does not change from age to age; that the truths of the Gospel still form the basis of our faith; that these eternal truths are reflected in every Catholic parish and in every Mass. It is a confidence that the leader of our Church adheres to and will never deny the precepts and principles of the Church of Jesus. We firmly believe that we are part of the mystical body of Christ, a holy people, a holy priesthood. In the late fourth century, St. Jerome wrote to Pope Damasus I: "I follow no leader but Christ and join in communion with none but Your Blessedness, that is, with the chair of Peter. I know that this is the rock on which the Church has been built. Whoever eats the Lamb outside this house is profane. Anyone who is not in the Ark of Noah will perish when the flood prevails." TCA

St. Mary's in Clarendon is having a fish fry Friday Feb. 22, Mar. 8 and Mar 22. Each night will start at 5:30 and serve until 7:30. We will serve Fish, french fries, beans, cole slaw, hush puppies and dessert for \$12.00 a plate for adults and \$5.00 for kids.